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The Police Corps

Participating States as of December 2002

The Police Corps is designed to address violent crime by helping state and local law enforcement agencies increase the number of officers with advanced education and training assigned to community patrol. The program, which operates within states that have submitted an approved state plan, is designed to motivate highly qualified young people to serve as police officers and sheriffs' deputies in the municipalities, counties and states that need them most. It does this by offering Federal scholarships on a competitive basis to college students who agree to serve where needed on community patrol for at least four years. Participants who seek baccalaureate degrees begin their work as officers shortly after graduation from college. Those who pursue graduate study complete their service in advance.

The Police Corps reduces local costs of hiring and training excellent new officers. The Federal government pays for rigorous law enforcement training for each Police Corps participant. Police Corps participants have all of the rights and responsibilities of — and are subject to all rules and regulations that apply to — other members of the law enforcement agencies with which they serve.

As of December 2002, the following states participate in the Police Corps:

Alaska Mississippi Arkansas Missouri Arizona Nevada

Colorado North Carolina

Connecticut Ohio
Florida Oklahoma
Georgia Oregon

Illinois South Carolina

Indiana Texas
Kentucky Utah
Maryland Virginia
Massachusetts Washington
Michigan Wisconsin

Minnesota

For more information

States interested in participating in the Police Corps may obtain guidelines for state plans, outreach, training and related information from the Office of the Police Corps and Law Enforcement Education, U.S. Department of Justice, 810 Seventh St. NW, Washington DC 20531.

Individuals and law enforcement agencies interested in participating in the Police Corps should contact the appropriate state lead agency. Information on lead agency contacts is available from the Office of the Police Corps at the address given above or by calling 1-888-94CORPS (1-888-942-6777).

